



# News Release

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## **Whatcom County: Acme residents urged to boil water**

**OLYMPIA** – Whatcom County residents served by Acme Water District 18 are advised to boil their drinking water after a construction-related water outage.

When water pressure is lost, contaminants can enter the water system. Pressure has now been restored, but the water district is asking its customers to boil their drinking water as a safety precaution.

Acme is east of Lake Whatcom on Highway 9 between Sedro-Woolley and Deming. The advisory affects 91 homes, seven businesses and the Acme Elementary School, which serves about 200 students. Students will take a note home advising parents of the precautions the school has taken to respond to the situation. Local health officials are working with the school's staff and with area food service establishments.

The state Department of Health advises residents to boil tap water used for drinking, brushing teeth, dishwashing, preparing food, and making ice. Water should be boiled for one minute and allowed to cool before use.

The advisory is likely to remain in effect for several days. The district is disinfecting the system with chlorine, which will be flushed through the water lines. The water then must be tested to ensure it meets safe drinking water standards.

Customers who have questions may call the water district at (360) 201-9285.

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